

Provider Notice

To: CABHC Mental Health Partial Hospitalization Providers
From: PerformCare
Date: December 1, 2020
Subject: MH 20 104 Change in Partial Hospitalization Unit Definition

Beginning January 1, 2021, PerformCare will implement a change in the unit definition for Mental Health Partial Hospitalization (PHP) from the current one hour unit definition with a three hour minimum per date of service on a claim to a 15 minute unit with a two unit minimum per date of service on a claim.

Background: During the COVID PHE, OMHSAS allowed MH PHP to bill with a one hour minimum unit, and upon further research OMHSAS clarified that a 15 minute unit was permissible. OMHSAS issued guidance to BH-MCOs allowing the change in unit definition to be implemented.

Procedure: Beginning with MH PHP authorizations completed on or after 12/21/20, PerformCare staff will begin to increase the units authorized for MH PHP by multiplying current hours by four (4) to accommodate the 15 minute unit change for authorizations that will extend into calendar year 2021 to assure that providers have sufficient units authorized to accommodate this change. CCMs will continue to use current authorization codes, H0035HB for Adult partial and H0035HA for Child partial. For example, a typical MH PHP authorization will increase from 84 units to 336 units.

Providers will continue to bill PerformCare using the same codes used now, H0035HB for Adult partial and H0035HA for Child partial at the revised rates issued today in a separate provider notice effective 1/1/2021.

Beginning with claims for dates of service on or after 1/1/2021, PHP provider should bill PerformCare using the new PHP rate in the rate notice effective 1/1/2021. **The Standard Fee Schedule rate for MH PHP for a 15 minute unit is \$7.73 effective 1/1/2021.**

Please contact your account Executive at PerformCareProviderRelations@amerihealthcaritas.com if you have questions about this notice.

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